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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sung-wook KANG

Serial No. 10/724,167

Group Art Unit: 3654

Confirmation No. 9378

Filed: December 1, 2003

Examiner: Rakesh Kumar

For: DRIVE APPARATUS FOR INKJET PRINTER

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Notice of Allowability mailed July 6, 2005.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of identified claims. It is submitted that the Examiner's reference only to respective portions of the claims is improper in that it provides certain emphasis which might "place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14).

Furthermore, the Examiner uses the term "combination" in his description of independent claims 1 and 11. However, these claims do not recite a "combination." Furthermore, the Examiner's description of claim 1 refers to "a feed roller shaft direction." However, claim 1 recites a "feed roller shaft rotation direction."

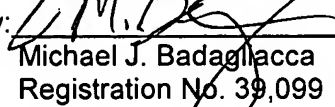
It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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